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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON US-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. PAPERS THIS WEEK HAVE CONTINUED MENTION OF DEC 22 WASHINGTON POST STORY ABOUT REPORTED REMARK BY PRESIDENT RE POSSIBLE US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL, BUT THEY HAVE DONE SO IN RELATIVELY LOW KEY.

2. INITIAL REPORT IN DEC 23 PAPERS SAID POST HAD STORY QUOTING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED AND WHO, IN TURN, CLAIMED TO QUOTE PRESIDENT ON SUBJECT DURING MEETING A WEEK EARLIER WITH 17 GOVERNORS. ALLEGED PRESIDENTIAL QUOTATION ACCORDING TO ISRAELI PRESS WAS: " THE ONLY WAY TO END THE OIL BOYCOTT IS BY MAKING ISRAEL BEHAVE REASONABLY. I HATE THE WORD BLACKMAIL, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE THE ISRAELIS BEHAVE PROPERLY." ISRAELI PAPERS ADDED THAT GOVERNORS LEFT MEETING WITH IMPRESSION PRESIDENT HAD IN MIND VIRTUALLY TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND PRESIDENT HAD SAID THAT IF FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SUPPORTING ISRAEL OR PREVENTING A RECESSION, HE WOULD OPT FOR LATTER.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, PRESS COMMENTED THERE MUST BE RELATIONSHIP
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BETWEEN PRESIDENT'S REPORTED VIEWS AND DIPLOMATIC PLANNING

OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. HAARETZ DEC 26 CONTAINED ARTICLE SAYING THIS AND CITING DEC 6 MEETING OF SECRETARY WITH JEWISH INTELLECTUALS IN US. HAAARETZ ALLEGES SECRETARY SAID MAXIMUM US OBJECTIVE IN MID EAST NOW WAS NOT PEACE TREATY OR ARAB RECOGNITION OF ISJAEI, BUT PREVENTION OF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, AND THAT THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED AT GENEVA BY ALMOST TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL PLUS CREATION OF DEMILITARIZED BUFFER ZONES. ACCORDING TO HAARETZ SECRETARY ADDED THAT ALTERNATIVE WAS ANOTHER WAR IN A FEW MONTHS WZICH COULD GO BADLY FOR ISRAEL BECAUSE US MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HELP ISRAEL ON THE SAME LARGE SCALE.

4. EARLIER PRESS COMMENTARY BY HARIF IN DEC 21 MAARIV ALSO DEALT WITH PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S MID EAST VIEWS. HARIF ASSERTED THAT EBAN DEC 13 RECEIVED FROM US A DRAFT INVITATION TO GENEVA WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY US AND USSR WITH EGYPTIAN APPROVAL AND WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO GOI BECAUSE IT SAID PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST STAGE OF OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE UNDER UNSGY AUSPICES. MRS MEIR, " ENRAGED," CALLED IN AMBASSADOR DEC 14 AND SAID US WAS SEEKING TO PRESENT ISRAEL WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI, ACCORDING TO HARIF. HARIF CONTINUED THAT SECRETARY, ANTICIPATING ISRAELI REACTION, HAD SENT GOI MESSAGE THAT HE HAD PERSUADED SADAT TO DROP REFERENCE IN INVITATION TO RESOLUTION 339 AND ALSO TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT WITH SYRIANS RE ISRAELI POWS, AND IN RETURN, SECRETARY URGED PRIMIN TO SEND DELEGATION TO GENEVA.

5. HARIF ALLEGED THAT MRS MEIR ALSO RECEIVED MESSAGE DEC 14 PRESIDENT, STIMULATED BY SECRETARY, SAYING IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT ISRAEL NOT GO TO GENEVA, THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY GOI REFUSAL TO DO SO, THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE TAKING ON ITSELF A VERY HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY IF IT REFUSED, AND THAT HE WANTED IMMEDIATE REPLY. ACCORDING TO HARIF, MRS MEIR TOLD AMBASSADOR US ACTUALLY WAS THREATENING ISRAEL AND HAD DECEIVZD GOI. HARIF CITED AMBASSADOR DINITZ AS HAVING STATED HE BROUGHT BACK TO ISRAEL AT THIS SAME TIME US-ISRAELI MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH HE HAD WORKED OUT WITH SECRETARY OVER PRECEDING FEW DAYS AND WHICH NOW REINFORCED GOI'S FEELING IT HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECEIVED BY US. MEMO SUMMARIZED CLARIFICATIONS RE GENEVA MODALITIES AND STATED US REGARDED UN AUSPICES AS CEREMONIAL ONLY AND UNDERTOOK TO ENSURE NO ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE ADDED AT GENEVA WITHOUT CONSENT OF ALL ORIGNAL PARTICIPANTS, TO WORK FOR SYRIAN RELEASE OF ISRAELI POW'S, TO TRY TO GET USSR TO ACT IN MODERATION TOWARD ISRAEL, AND TO SEEK MAIN-TENANCE OF CEASEFIRE ON SEA AS WELL AS LAND AND AIR. TROUBLE WITH MEMO, HARIF CLAIMED DINITZ SAID, WAS ITS STATEMENT

THAT NOTHING IN MEMO WAS TO CHANGE TERMS OF INVITATION TO GENEVA.

6. HARIF CONTINUED THAT ISRAELI CABINET DEC 15 CONCLUDED GOI COULD NOT REPLY TO INVITATION AS IT STOOD AND COULD NOT GIVE PRESIDENT THE DESIRED IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE ANSWER. SECRETARY, REALIZING GOI WAS ADAMANT, MADE PUBLIC THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED THREE DAYS AND THEN PERSUADED GOI DURING HIS DEC 16-17 VISIT TO ACQUIESCE IN REFERENCE TO UN AUSPICES IN RETURN FOR DELETION OF REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION. ACCORDING TO HARIF, SECRETARY STRESSED TO ISRAELI LEADERS THAT HIS VIETNAM AND PEKING NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE CONVINCED HIM THAT ONCE DIRECT TALKS BEGAN, TRUST COULD BE CULTIVATED AND SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME EVENTUALLY COULD BE ACHIEVED. SECRETARY ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SECRECY FROM HIS VIETNAM AND PEKING EXPERIENCES. HARIF AT END OF ARTICLE OPINED THAT SECRETARY PROBABLY MEANT NOT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TRUST BUT ISRAELI TRUST IN HIM, WHICH ACCORDING TO HARIF WOULD BE HARD TO CULTIVATE, ISRAEL KNOWING THAT US FRIENDS GOT HURT AS RESULT OF VIETNAM AND PEKING NEGOTIATIONS, THAT ISRAELI DELEGATION WAS GOING TO GENEVA BECAUSE GOI HAD NO CHOICE, AND THAT SECRETARY'S CONCEPTION OF ARAB-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT WAS THE SAME AS SECRETARY ROGERS' AND JARRING'S. BUT IN HARIF'S OPINION, GOI COULD HOLD LINE IN FUTURE, REGARDLESS OF MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT. KEATING

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